

Dear Secretary,

I would like to voice a few of my concerns regarding television. There is entirely TOO much violence depicted on television and it is helping to raise a generation of children who have violence as a role model for problem solving with none of the real life consequences. Is it no wonder that senseless killings and drive by shootings are an everyday occurrence in the American society. We are doing to ourselves (and our children) what we would declare war on another country that tried to use the media to brainwash this country. Wake up! This is your job. If you can't lead, step aside and let the leader step forward who will TELL the television industry of this country that violence will not be shown during the hours children view television. The major industrialized countries all have this restriction and we should too. Their cowardly cry of 1st Amendment rights has no merit. Children are restricted from movies, tobacco and liquor and have special work rules and they should also be protected from violence on the airwaves. You should also demand programming that contains educational or informational components. This could include dramas modeling positive conflict resolution, logical consequences of both good and bad choices, the drama in real life hero actions of helping and saving others, the sorrows and joys of different real life families (not Ozzie and Harriet, please). The whole role of women depicted on television needs to be changed. Women are shown as sex objects, powerless, trivial, and most often on the receiving end of violence. This damages both girls with no positive role models and boys with a low regard for women and how they should be treated. This improved programming would be more costly but the price our society is now paying for all this violence is too high with lost lives. We have a defense industry that is gobbling up our future with needless and senseless machines of mass destruction. There is money for good quality television IF you will demand it. You have the power to deny access to the airwaves. Use that power for the common good.

Thank-you for your time and efforts. I hope you will take the bull by the horns and act.

Sincerely,

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We do NOT Watch T.V. any more.

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Gentlemen:

TV for children needs some reforms and
so do "mature children's" TV need some
curbing.

- 1- Stop pointing guns, knives and any
lethal weapons in one's face as the TV is
turned on.
- 2- Have parents project "Right from Wrong".
This must be taught at HOME not on the
street.
- 3- Less SEX. Teach "parents" not to have
unwanted children. Welfare rolls
do not need anymore "throw away children"
for someone else to care for.
- 4- ~~Fewer~~ ^{Not} guns in reach of very young
children. Thank you.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As concerned parents and citizens we would like the major T.V. Networks to know that we want --yes demand quality T.V. programs for our children. We have been alarmed by the decline of good children's programming on network T.V. for many years. It is now time to be heard.

The violence and content themes on children's cartoons is unacceptable to us and most of us simply turn it off. Enough is enough! We would like to turn it back on rather than have to subscribe to Cable or rely only on channel 9 Public Television. In 1980, the three major networks were showing approximately eleven hours of quality children's programming. That has decreased to only 1-2 hours weekly. It is time to put quality educational and entertaining programming back on the screen. We need more Walt Disney, "Beakman's World", "Carmen San Diego", types of programming. We would also like to see non-violent, non-sexist, uplifting cartoons for Saturday mornings. That is the visual material we will allow our children to watch.

We know quality T.V. programming is your goal and now is the time to ensure changes in children's programming. It is the highest priority.

Thank you for listening to the public's opinion.

Yours Truly,

Karin + David Beagle

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Additional Comments:

I don't know of anyone who thinks the quality of Sat. morning cartoons is good. I don't know of anyone who thinks we have more than enough educational T.V. for children. I think the responsibility of the Networks has been shameful in this area. If they were acting responsibly, we wouldn't need federal guidelines + enforcement! Please act - you have my vote!